

Having thus, described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A running board apparatus for an all-terrain vehicle, said running board apparatus comprising:

a step portion for lateral placement on a side of a powertrain unit having an operation pedal extending outwardly from a side portion thereof, said step portion adapted to support a foot of a rider thereon; and

a partition plate for placement on the vehicle between the engine and the step portion, the partition plate having an insertion aperture formed therein for allowing the operation pedal to extend therethrough, wherein the insertion aperture extends along the partition plate in both a front-rear direction and an upper-lower direction.

2. The running board apparatus for an all-terrain vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the step portion is provided as part of a running board main body;

and wherein the partition plate is provided as a separate body from the running board main body, and includes a slot extending from the insertion aperture to an edge of the partition plate.

3. The running board apparatus for an all-terrain vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a peripheral portion of the partition plate, surrounding the insertion aperture, is formed with a stepped structure, such that in an installed configuration thereof, a front side of the peripheral portion is positioned to an engine side of the operation pedal, and a rear side thereof is positioned on the opposite side of the operation pedal from the front side.

4. An all-terrain vehicle, comprising:

a frame;

a powertrain unit operatively attached to the frame and having an operation pedal extending outwardly from a side portion thereof;

a body cover for covering the frame, said body cover comprising a running board apparatus which comprises:

a running board main body for placement on a side of said powertrain unit, said running board main body comprising a step portion adapted to support a foot of a rider thereon; and

a partition plate disposed between the engine and the step portion, the partition plate having an insertion aperture formed therein, allowing an end portion of

the operation pedal to extend therethrough.

5. The all-terrain vehicle according to claim 4, wherein the partition plate is provided as a separate body from the running board main body, and wherein the partition plate includes a slot extending from the insertion aperture to an edge thereof.

6. The all-terrain vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a peripheral portion of the partition plate, surrounding the insertion aperture, is formed with a stepped structure, such that a front side of the peripheral portion is positioned to an engine side of the operation pedal, and a rear side thereof is positioned on the opposite side of the operation pedal from the front side.